Docket No.: 086039-0016 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Takayuki SOUTA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7014

Application No.: 10/590,407 : Group Art Unit: 4123

Filed: August 23, 2006 : Examiner: Marjan FARDANESHI

For: METHOD OF MEASURING SUPERFICIAL CHEMICAL SPECIES

AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 20, 2010. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time accompanies this response.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 associated with Customer No. 20277 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.